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Is Our American Democracy a Failure?

BY LEO.

Those who believe that the trend of things political in this country indicate a desire for greater centralization in government have many things to say in favor of their doctrine.

The vast sums of money annually expended on war vessels, which, after a few years in commission, are turned over into the scrap pile because unfit for service in sea warfare—the continual increase of salary for political service, or dis-service it may be, from the president's compensation down to village mayors, from congressmen down to country postmasters—the stealing and grafting so common in official life—the failure in city government as evidenced by the adoption in so many cities of the commission scheme which gives vastly better results in efficiency and economy, all go to show that a popular government as understood and practiced by the fathers of the republic is gradually vanishing from the country. If Thomas Jefferson could come back to earth and visit his country at this time he would hardly know the government of the nation and states to be the same as when he presided, one hundred years ago. So they say.

Things have greatly changed in one century, and even when the perspective is only half of a century, we see vast changes, occasionally for the better, but many a time for the worse.—Close inspection of any period in our history will find corruption in office; but at the present time the crookedness of men in office outranks past offenses in the general prevalence thereof. Look at New York, think of Illinois, and do not forget our own beautiful Ohio. Corruption stares us in the face everywhere.

Governor Harmon of this state spread his net to catch some of the Republican grafters, and he caught some of them, but to his surprise, members of his own party also were in the net.—Grafting is not the sin of one party. It disgraces men in all parties. If all the thieves belonged to one party we could easily exclude that party from power and thus secure a clean administration of government. Alas! grafting has become a national sin.

Will these things undermine and overthrow popular government in America? We think not. Some remedy will be found in due time. The city governments in this country became so odious that men had to invent a scheme of government by commission. Three efficient men do better management of cities than a whole bench of ignorant and self-seeking politicians.

This is centralizing, but it works well, and every year more cities are going into the scheme. It is remedial. It does away with

incompetence and graft.

It were well to put some counties and states in commission with the view of stopping graft and plunder. Sooner or later a remedial scheme will be developed. Let us hope and work for the better times—times of righteousness and civic virtue.

Saves an Iowa Man's Life.

The very grave seemed to yawn before Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Iowa, when, after seven weeks in the hospital, four of the best physicians gave him up. Then was shown the marvelous curative power of Electric Bitters. For, after eight months of frightful suffering from liver trouble and yellow jaundice, getting no help from other remedies or doctors, five bottles of this matchless medicine completely cured him. It's positively guaranteed for Stomach, Liver or Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Only 50c at Wm. Kipp's Sons.

Palestine.

Misses May and Lorena Woods visited in Richmond, Ind., last Thursday.

Will Jeffers and family visited J. W. Ware's last Sunday.

The High School Commencement at K. of P. hall Saturday night was well attended and the attention of the audience was very good. We often wonder, however, why some people go, as they care for neither the music, the orations or the class address.

C. A. Wilt and wife gave the customary reception to the graduating class last Thursday evening.

J. P. Simison of Greenville attended the Commencement Saturday night.

Miss Martha Jones is visiting Mrs. Flora Baker.

Mrs. Elenor Perry is suffering an attack of hives.

The Kid Orchestra of New Madison furnished the Commencement music.

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REPORTER.

What's in McClure's.

How Taft Views His Own Administration—An Interview with the President by George Kibbe Turner is only one of a number of features of unusual importance in the June number of McClure's Magazine. Senator Platt begins his autobiography by telling the inside story of the two nominations of Roosevelt; Asher C. Hinds, parliamentary clerk of the House, explains the tremendous power of the Speaker and when and why it was given him; John M. Gitterman writes about The Cruelty of Our Courts; M. Paoli gives his reminiscences of the King and Queen of Italy; and Theodor Schiemann, professor of history in the University of Berlin and a friend of the Kaiser, has a paper on the strained relations between Germany and England. The fiction includes The Blue Sequin, another of the John Thorndyke detective stories; Neighbors by Octavia Roberts; A Text-Book Soldier by Donald Hamilton Haines; The Griswold Divorce Case, by Frederic Taber Cooper, and Justice While You Wait by Owen Oliver.

Is your subscription paid?

Letter from California.

San Bernardino, Cal.
May 16, 1910.

Here we are again with our budget. The weather is fine, cool and pleasant. Crops look good and farmers are hustling making hay; the second crop of alfalfa is now in. Fruit crop is also fine. Strawberries are an enormous crop—we have them nine months in the year. Melons are looking fine, too.

Our city recently voted wet by 140 majority; it don't suit us, but we make the best of it. The officers are watching the "blind pigs." Our city is in a flourishing condition. All streets are overhauled and paved and cement walks are made all over the city. Our schools will close the middle of June. We have a centennial celebration this week, this city being now one hundred years old.

Our sidewalks are well decorated with those big hats, but as long as they are on the sidewalks we have room to get around, as we have wide streets. But when we go to church we can't see who is talking. We sometimes think the ladies look like an owl out of a brush heap. Well, let that go for what it will, we think the sisters of the church should be a separate people, as the Word says, "Come ye out from among them," &c.

California had an earthquake on the 13th, but no damage was done.

Health is generally good. We have the best climate in the world. Dear old aged reader of the Journal, if you want to live a retired life and have good health, come to San Bernardino, Cal. I am 71 years old, been here seven years and have not been sick an hour in all that time.

A few hints now on farming. I have farmed all my life and am doing some yet. When I came to this country the people had farms and sold their stable fertilizer. I says why don't you put it on your land? Oh, it don't need it, it is rich, was the reply. Reader, if you have a farm, do not sell your straw, but stable your stock and bed them heavy; it will pay, summer and winter. You may say that is work; that is all right. "He that does not work shall not eat." It is this way, if you have a cow and do not feed her she will do you no good; or your cupboard, if you take out and put nothing in it will get empty. So it is with your farm. Everything is calculated to go back from whence it came; only the grain, that is for your support.

A. H. WIMMER.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

MOTHERS—

Don't fail to visit our Boys' and Children's Department.—Suits \$2.00 to \$8.00, with Knickerbockers. THE PROGRESS.

Gettysburg.

Gettysburg is getting ready for Decoration Day, to be celebrated on the afternoon of a week from today. That it will be an interesting occasion goes without saying, as this place never fails to make large preparation for such occasions, and the orator of the day, Rev. F. W. Stanton, is an assurance that it will be well done. The crowd is always here on such occasions.

C. J. Miller and family visited his wife's parents, D. Moul's, at Pleasant Hill yesterday.

On Saturday and yesterday the Dunker Brethren held their annual love feast at the Oakland church, a couple of miles north of here, celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the ordinance of feet washing.

F. P. Lehman and wife, F. H. Clark and wife, H. M. Dershem and wife drove in the former's auto to A. W. Fair's and enjoyed the hospitality of the latter's family yesterday.

Jac Peiffer and wife were the guests of the latter's brother at Lightsville from Saturday until today.

With little exception the corn crop is planted, and is coming up nicely. Few fields are so far advanced as to be cultivated already. Growth conditions are very good, and everything is testifying to the fact.

Henry Nease of near Ludlow Falls visited his brother for a couple of days, returning home yesterday.

The vote at our primary was small. This is the most important meeting of the voter, but it seems hard to impress that fact on the minds of the people. The primary may be all right and I am satisfied it is for the city population, but whether it is for the rural districts remains a debatable question. It is hard to interest the average ruralist. Maybe we may grow into a condition that will approve that manner of nomination, but for the present there is lack of interest in the mode. Whether the right persons were nominated remains to be seen.

Madam Rumor says we are to have a wedding in this place in a week or so. Will see what we will see. Should it materialize we will all bow to the behests of fortune and time. The two factors bring about a good many events.

May 23.

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Will Promote Beauty.

Women desiring beauty get wonderful help from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It banishes pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils. It makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Best for burns, scalds, fever sores, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c at Wm. Kipp's Sons.

Spring and Summer Underwear, 25c to \$1.00 per garment. Union Suits, 50c to \$2.00.

THE PROGRESS.

Ninevah.

A little damp today, which will increase the growth of vegetation and with warmer weather things are making rapid growth.

Lewis Marker and family were guests of John Fashner's Sunday.

Burl Corwin, wife and son True were Greenville shoppers Saturday.

H. E. Weaver and family visited William Ludy and wife at Greenville Sunday.

Mr. Sneary of Greenville was the guest of G. W. Ludy and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. O. O. Arnold filled his appointment here yesterday morning and observed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Charles Unger and family visited his father and family Sunday.

W. G. Ludy had a little calf born at his place last week that is totally blind. The calf is doing well and learned to drink out of a bucket without much trouble.

Ora Rieker, wife and daughter Stella, of Richmond, Ind., are visiting relatives in this vicinity. May 23. GAIL.

Not Sorry for Blunder.

"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was a doomed victim of consumption, I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanders, of Harrodsburg, Ky., but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung-racking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have had for years." This wonderful lifesaver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Wm. Kipp's Sons.

The Ladies' World for June is again notable for its excellent fiction, as well as for the variety and practicality of its departments. The chief of the writers are Anthony Carlyle, with a fascinating romance called A Garden Enchanted; Hugh Pendexter, who contributes one of his very human stories of country characters; Winifred Kirkland, with the second part of The Girl from Gray's Hollow; Gertrude Brooke Hamilton, who tells The Foot of the Ladder in a delightfully simple way; Shirley Carson, with a strong piece of work in The Prayer; and Grace MacGowan Cooke. The latter's serial, The Fall and The Rebuilding, is at its most attractive part, and will rank as one of the best novels of the year. The illustrations in the number are even better than usual. Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves concludes her articles on The Prevention of Disease, written particularly for women; and Laura A. Smith describes the duties of a companion and secretary, and the qualifications necessary for such a position. The Household and Fashion departments are full of timely information and pretty styles, and there is besides good advice on Health, The Care of Children, Etiquette, etc., and some very pretty needlework.—[New York; 50c year.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE COURT.

G. W. Burnett was re-appointed a member of the Blind Relief Commission, to serve three years.

Thomas Rhynard was appointed administrator of estate of Samuel Rhynard; bond \$1000.

Last will of Roy E. Miller was filed for probate.

J. E. Detamore, guardian of Cleo Martin, filed an additional bond and was given order of private sale of real estate.

Sale of real estate confirmed in estate of Frank J. Henry, and public sale of personal property reported.

P. A. Shuff, guardian of Basil Shuff, filed his first account, showing receipts of \$279.52 and disbursements of \$264.52; he also filed an inventory, showing personal property valued at \$250.

Mary Hunchberger was appointed administratrix of estate of Jacob Hunchberger; bond \$2000.

Last will of Jacob Kautt was admitted to probate. John F. Wondle was appointed executor under said will; bond \$10,000.

Leonard Marker, administrator of estate of Rhoda Reed, reported private sale of real estate, which was confirmed.

D. W. Bowman, receiver of estate of L. C. Anderson, filed his final account, showing receipts of \$4537.09 and disbursements of \$4103.39.

D. W. Bowman, administrator of estate of L. C. Anderson, filed his final account, showing receipts of \$481.61 and same disbursed.

Elijah Devor, assignee of Albert J. and Julia A. Miller, filed report of sale of personal property, also petition to sell real estate.

John M. Stover, administrator of estate of Jesse Ballinger, filed his final account, showing receipts of \$134.93 and disbursements of \$88.17.

Sebastian Vietor, guardian of Oscar Vietor and others, filed his final account, showing receipts of \$281.25 and disbursements of \$298.18.

Last will of Edward Wilt was admitted to probate. Al. Wilt was appointed executor under said will; bond \$600.

Anna M. Hollinger was appointed administratrix of estate of Amos Hollinger; bond \$2000.

M. L. Detrick, administrator of estate of Elisha Taylor, reported private sale of land; confirmation May 28.

Ellen Reagan, guardian of Emma Reagan, filed her third and final account, showing receipts of \$878.40 and disbursements of \$228.43.

Julia A. Schubert, widow of John B. Schubert, elected not to take under the will of her late husband.

L. O. Stump, guardian of Wm. F. Schneiderman, filed his first account, showing receipts of \$936.24 and disbursements of \$213.58.

Last will of Roy E. Miller was admitted to probate. Jesse Miller and John Blumenstock were appointed executors under said will; bond \$5000.

Henry Laver, administrator of estate of John Fourman, reported sale of personal property.

V. S. Marker was appointed trustee of estate of Oscar Kendig and others; bond \$1000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George Dickey, 23, carpenter,

New Harrison, son of Stephen Dickey, and Treva Miller, 19, New Harrison, daughter of W. H. Miller.

Augustus N. Bartling, 51, solicitor, Greenville, son of C. F. Bartling, and Mrs. Susie Dunnmyer, 49, Greenville, daughter of Peter Stitzel.

Leroy Jenkins, 29, teacher, Celina, O., son of Wm. Jenkins, and Stella G. Young, 28, Greenville, daughter of Jacob Young.

Herschel Hotmire, 34, laborer, Union City, son of Jacob Hotmire, and Nora Snell, 25, Union City.

Oscar Smith, 24, carpenter, York township, son of David Smith, and Amy Keever, 18, Allen township, daughter of George Keever.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

NEW CASES.

19285—Abbie Erlenwin versus Sebastian Erlenwin; for divorce.

19288—Maud Marcum versus George Marcum; for divorce and custody of child.

19289—State of Ohio on relation of Clenna H. Pitman versus Levi Anderson; for bastardy.

19290—Almyrtle C. Swartz vs Harry Swartz; for divorce and alimony.

19291—Maud C. Falknor, by J. C. Elliott, her guardian, versus Eldridge R. Falknor; for annulment of marriage contract.

19292—Daniel Burns versus C. W. Roland and others; suit for \$400.

19293—Samuel D. Fourman vs Catharine Fourman and others; for partition of real estate.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

E. Mathews to E. Tyler, a lot in Bradford, \$900.

E. C. Wright to H. Weaver, a lot in Greenville, \$50.

E. Bell to O. E. Richardson, a lot in Rossville, \$1050.

T. Edwards to E. E. Hess, a small tract in Patterson township, \$600.

John Magato, adm'r, to C. George, Jr., a small tract in Wayne township, \$500.

Same to L. J. Bey, 36 acres in Wayne township, \$3000.

S. W. Bashore to P. I. Bashore, two lots in Greenville, \$1.

J. Barga to A. A. Barga, 80 acres in York township, \$3000.

S. Fourman to J. Fourman, 37 acres in Twin township, \$3000.

James B. Wilcox to H. Weaver, a lot in Greenville, \$50.

Sheriff to R. Wolfal, 39 acres in Harrison township, \$2800.

P. H. Cool to W. E. Weaver, 42 acres in Mississinawa township, \$6500.

J. Wilkey to R. Best, 39 acres in Van Buren township, \$1.

F. Mullenix to T. D. Smith, 4 acres in Twin township, \$1050.

A. Pierce to V. S. Marker, 24 acres in German township, \$1000.

H. H. Brandon to H. H. Brown, a lot in Osgood, \$300.

C. F. Williams to W. J. Dull, two lots in Arcanum, \$900.

C. E. Wehrley to J. B. Maher, lot in Greenville, \$1200.

J. L. Garber to I. H. Martin, a lot in Greenville, \$3000.